

COUNTRY Germany Approved For Release 2001/11/21 : CIA-RDP80-00810A000500TOPIC Mahlwinkel Airfield

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1ADATE OBTAINED 24 December 1952 to 13 January 1953 DATE PREPARED 9 February 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On 8 December 1952, [REDACTED] 199 construction workers were employed at Mahlwinkel airfield.

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2. On 15 December, [REDACTED] the eastern portion of the field was rolled and that part of the construction machinery used at the installation had already been removed. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that employees of the Bauunion Brandenburg were expected to be withdrawn from the field by 21 December. The utilization of runway mats was not observed. No construction material or pierced steel planks as used for the construction of temporary runways were observed arriving prior to 4 January 1953.

3. In early January, only 30 workers were employed at the field for clearing up work. These workers were allegedly to leave the installation soon. There was no change in the status of the narrow-gauge field railroad track which had been built from Tangerhuetten to the airfield. However, locomotives and cars used on this track had already been removed.

4. On 15 December, a Soviet construction detail of 80 men was stationed at the field. On 27 December, this detail and all its equipment was entrained at Mahlwinkel railroad station. [REDACTED] six trucks, one of which was [REDACTED] 4 tractors, 8 rollers and leveling equipment.

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5. On 27 December, Mahlwinkel airfield was unguarded. Only the hunters lodge which had been used by the Russians was guarded by two civilians from Mahlwinkel.

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6. In late December, [REDACTED] that construction work at the field was completed and that all the workers except a rear detail of 30 men to be employed for clearing-up work were withdrawn. The Soviet construction detail had also been withdrawn from the field in late December 1952.<sup>1</sup>

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The report indicates that construction work at Mahlwinkel airfield was completed in late 1952. It is noteworthy that the landing field of the installation was only rolled. A temporary runway was not built.

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